

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1059

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 1, 1970

Application of D. C. Transit )  
System, Inc., for Authority )  
to Increase Fares. )

Application No. 613

Docket No. 216

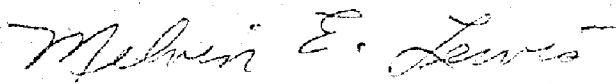
The Commission has before it a petition for reconsideration of our Order No. 1055 in which we authorized D. C. Transit System, Inc. to suspend the sale of tokens until further order of the Commission. The Commission has reviewed the petition and the memorandum in support thereof. Both documents point out the serious inconvenience which the suspension of token sales occasions. As we stated in Order No. 1058, we are acutely aware of these problems. However, the public interest requires us to act despite them.

The memorandum in support of the petition alleges that our suspension of token sales indicates a prejudgment of the disposition we must make of the petitions for reconsideration of Order No. 1052. However, we have now acted on those petitions in our Order No. 1057. In that Order, we have delayed the effective date of the new fares until July 11, in order to permit the court an opportunity to consider any challenges to our action without undue inconvenience to the judicial process. One of the reasons which underlies our suspension of token sales was to open the way for us to provide this substantial time before Order No. 1052 once again becomes effective.

Again, we believe that in light of the circumstances we discussed in Order No. 1055, our action in suspending token sales is in the public interest. We find nothing in this petition which asks us to modify that judgment.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition for reconsideration of Order No. 1055, filed by the Black United Front be, and it is hereby, denied.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director